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SUBJ: ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES ON MARIEN OIL POLLUTION--CHARTER
CLAUSES

REF: OSLO 1648

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH NORWEGIAN ENVIROMENT MINISTER
HARLEM BRUNTLAND (OSLO 1648) ON ADMINISTRATION'S MARIEN OIL
POLLUTION INITIATIVES, SAFETY, ASPECTS OF SPEED AND FUEL CON-
SUMPTION CLAUSES IN CONTRACTS FOR TANKER CHARTERS WERE MENTIONED.
EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED THESE CLAUSES WITH INTERANKO AND NORWEGIAN
SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND UNDERSTANDS CLAUSES PROVIDE PENALTIES
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FOR SHIP OWNERS IF TANKER TRANSIT TIME BUOY TO BUOY
EXCEEDS AGREED TIME FOR TRIP. ALTHOUGH BOTH ORGANIZATIONS SAID
THERE IS NO DIRECT LINK BETWEEN CLAUSES AND TANKER ACCIDENTS,
INTERTANKO SAID IT CLEAR CLAUSES PROVIDE INCENTIVE FOR TANKER
CAPTAINS TO MAINTAIN SPEED OR TO TAKE SHORT CUTS TO MEET
TIDES, ETC., IN QUESTIONABLE WEATHER OR SEA CONDITIONS. INTER-
TANKO HOPES, THEREFORE, THAT SPEED AND FUEL CONSUMPTION

CLAUSES AND OTHER SIMILAR MEASURES WILL BE EXAMINED AS PART OF
ADMINISTRATION'S INITIATIVES TO REDUCE VESSEL-SOURCE POLLUTION.

2. INTERTANKO ALSO NOTES THAT WHEN THERE IS POOR TANKER CHARTER
MARKET AND CHARTER RATES ARE LOW OIL COMPANIES CHARTERING
TANKERS USUALLY ASK OWNERS TO ASSUME GREATER SHARE OF RISK
OF UNEXPECTED DELAYS IN VOYAGES. THIS SOMETIMES TAKES FORM
OF HIGHER PENALTIES FOR LATE ARRIVALS, INCREASING INCENTIVES
FOR CAPTAINS TO TAKE UNDESIRABLE CHANCES, THIS IS PARTIALLY
OVERCOME WHEN SLOW STEAMING IS PROVIDED IN CHARTER CONTRACTS
TO REDUCE OPERATING COSTS, BUT INTERTANKO POINTS OUT THAT
EVEN WITH SLOW STEAMING VESSELS WHICH ARE DELAYED HAVE INCENTIVE
TO MAKE UP LOST TIME.

3. EMBASSY NOTES THAT WHEN THERE IS TANKER SHORTAGE AND CHARTER
RATES ARE HIGH THERE IS SIMILAR INCENTIVE TO TAKE CHANCES TO
REDUCE SAILING TIME AND MAXIMIZE EARNINGS.
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